No. 9871—*R. F.* 119-96, *dated* 10*th June* 1901.

Under Article 188 of the Mysore Service Regulations, Mr. B. Ramaswamiengar, Inspector of Agricultural Banks in Mysore, is granted privilege leave of absence for three months, with effect from the 1st July 1901.

The Petition Box kept at the Dewan's Office, Bangalore, will be cleared at 12 noon every day by the Secretary to Government, General and Revenue Departments, and, in his absence from Bangalore, by the Deputy Secretary.

By Order,

H. V. NANJUNDAYYA,
Secy. to Govt., Gen. & Rev. Depts.

FOREST.

No. 813—*Ft. F.* 15-1900, *dated* 3*rd June* 1901.

With reference to Notification No. 460—Ft. F. 15-1900, dated 21st January 1901, the Government of Mysore are pleased, under Section 76 of the Mysore Forest Regulation, to empower all Forest Officers, other than Forest Rangers, included in class III of the Notification above-cited, to compound offences under Section 59 of the Regulation.

No. 822—*Ft. F.* 16-96, *dated* 5*th June* 1901.

In supersession of the rules contained in Notification No. 2688—Ft. F. 16-96, dated 8th September 1897, the following revised rules for the sale of sandalwood by public auction in Mysore have been approved by the Government of Mysore, and are published for general information :—

I.—Procedure.

1. Every auction sale shall be held by the District Forest Officer in conjunction with the Deputy Commissioner of the District, or an Assistant Commissioner deputed by the Deputy Commissioner.

2. Subject to minimum prices, which will be fixed by the Conservator of Forests on behalf of Government, but which will not be divulged, the highest bidder shall ordinarily be the purchaser. But the Deputy Commissioner or, in his absence, the District Forest Officer, can reject any bid without assigning a reason therefor. Should the sale of any lot be disputed, it shall immediately be again put up and re-sold.

3. Each purchaser shall, immediately after a lot has been knocked down to him, sign his name, opposite the number and specification of the lot bought by him, in a book provided for the purpose. Such signature shall be held as an admission on his part of having bought such lot and of agreeing to the terms of sale as herein specified. The lot thus sold shall remain intact till weighment by the District Forest Officer under rule 6.

II.—Payments how to be made.

4. Immediately after the sale, each purchaser will be furnished with a memo showing the total amount due by him and with a letter of advice to pay immediately 25 per cent of such amount as deposit into the Taluk Treasury at the place, or if there is no such Treasury, to pay the same into the nearest Taluk Treasury before the close of the third day from the date of sale. A receipt for the deposit money will be granted by the Treasury Officer and must be presented to the District Forest Officer before the close of the fifth day. The District Forest Officer will initial the receipt and enter on its face the date of presentation. Should any purchaser fail to comply with this regulation, the District Forest Officer shall be at liberty to re-sell forthwith all or any portion of the sandalwood purchased by such defaulter, who shall bear any loss, but shall not participate in any profit that may arise. The amount due by such defaulter shall be recovered as a revenue demand. To meet the convenience of intending large and recognized purchasers, deposits in advance will be received from them in currency notes sent by post duly registered to the address of the "Officer in charge of the State Huzur Treasury, Bangalore," or by remittances through the Bank of Madras in favour of that Officer or by cash paid into that Treasury. Such depositors should take care that their remittances to the Huzur Treasury are sufficient to cover their 25 % payment under this rule. These deposits do not bind the Forest Department to sell the wood to the depositors or to show them any indulgence which is not shown to others or to exempt them from their liability under these rules. The Officer in charge of the Huzur Treasury shall give intimation to the Conservator of Forests of all receipts of deposits the same day they are credited at the Treasury, for communication to the Forest Officers concerned, and will adjust such deposits as instructed by the Conservator of Forests. Unutilised deposits shall be returned to the party concerned on the certificate of the Conservator of Forests.

5. The whole quantity purchased by each merchant must be paid for within 90 days from the date of sale, failing which the deposit money already paid shall be forfeited to Government and not treated as part payment, unless the Conservator of Forests, in his discretion, grants an extension of time and the amount is paid within the time so granted. In case of default, the wood shall be re-sold at the risk of the first purchaser who shall be liable for any loss but not participate in any profit. The amount due by any defaulter shall be recoverable as a revenue demand.

Moneys due may be paid into the Treasury of the taluk in which the kothi is situated, or into the District Treasury, but into no other, except in cases where the purchasers are permitted to pay into any other Government Treasury. Depositors under para 4 may pay into the Huzur Treasury the balance due for their sandalwood purchases at each kothi, and the receipt granted by the Huzur Treasury on that account shall be regarded by the Officer selling as payment. The Huzur Treasury Officer shall give intimation of all such payments to the Conservator of Forests for communication to the Forest Officers concerned.

III.—Weighing out and delivery of wood.

6. The District Forest Officer or, in his absence, any other gazetted officer deputed by the Deputy Commissioner, shall personally weigh out the whole quantity of wood bought by each purchaser, and this weighing out of the wood sold in each kothi must be completed within ninety days from the date of sale. When weighing, should any surplus be found in any lot, it shall be taken out, and should any deficiency occur, the officer weighing will make up the full tale of wood, stamp every piece that can be stamped and take such precautions as shall preclude the lots being tampered with before final removal.

The full tale of wood having thus been once made up, all loss which may afterwards arise from driage or other causes shall be borne entirely by the purchaser who shall be warned to attend at the weighing out of his lots. Should he not appear in person or by duly constituted agent within the ninety days above referred to, the District Forest Officer, or the Officer deputed for weighing, shall weigh out, stamp and seal the lots at his own convenience, and no complaint afterwards made by the purchaser will be attended to. The expenditure thus incurred in weighing out wood will be borne by the Government, but all expenses necessary for the final removal of the wood from the kothi shall be borne by the purchaser. Nothing in the above shall be held to prevent a Forest Officer from weighing out wood to any purchaser who wants early delivery upon full payment of the amount due thereon, provided that at least 8 days' clear notice be given of intension to take delivery.

7. No wood can be removed from the kothi by any purchaser before 7 A. M. or after 5 P. M., or until it has been paid for in full and until a "License to remove" shall have been obtained from the District Forest Officer or from any other officer duly authorized in that behalf.

IV.—Kothi rent.

8. Wood weighed out, stamped and paid for under the preceding sections may be removed at any time within 90 days from date of sale without payment of kothi rent. Such wood, if left in the kothis for more than 90 days from date of sale, shall be charged with kothi rent at the rate of 4 annas per khandi or 1 rupee per ton per mensem from date of sale for superior sorts, and 2 annas per khandi or 8 annas per ton for inferior sorts, such as milva chilta and white chips. If the wood be not removed within six months from date of sale, the same shall, after ten days' notice to the purchaser and due publication, be sold by public auction for the recovery of rent and costs, subject to full payment at once and immediate removal, and the balance of sale proceeds, if any, shall be paid to the original purchaser. If, before the date fixed for such auction sale, the original purchaser tenders the rent due and all costs, he shall be allowed to remove his wood and the auction will not be held. The Conservator of Forests may remit any portion of rent on sufficient grounds being shown.

V.—Licenses to remove.

9. No wood can be removed from the kothi till a "License to remove sandalwood," signed by the District Forest Officer or other Officer authorized in this behalf, shall have been obtained; and all holders of such licenses shall be bound to abide by the conditions therein laid down. Any trader or other person infringing the provisions of the Forest Law or the terms of his license or not returning his license on the expiration of the time allowed, shall be liable to be dealt with under the Mysore Forest Regulation. To meet the convenience of purchasers exporting wood through His Majesty's Territories, the Forest Officer will, on request, issue to each such purchaser one or more licenses indicating the weight of wood or number of pieces, bags, &c., in each cart or consignment. All time-expired licenses shall be considered as null and void, and extension of time shall not be granted, except for special and cogent reasons and under the Deputy Commissioner's orders.

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VI.—General.

10. Sandalwood sold under these rules shall not, after removal from the kothi, be stored anywhere in the Mysore State without the permission in writing of the District Forest Officer concerned.

11. In conformity with standing rules, no sandalwood can be sold by private individuals within the Mysore Territories or be moved from place to place without a license to be granted by the Forest Officer in charge of the Range.

12. The District Forest Officer shall be at liberty, with the concurrence of the Deputy Commissioner or the Officer deputed by the Deputy Commissioner, to stop the sale at any time without giving any reason to the intending purchasers.

13. With the exception of damage or loss arising from gross negligence on the part of the officials of the Forest Department concerned, the wood will remain at the kothi at the risk of the purchaser from the date of sale until it is finally weighed out under rule 6. Thereafter the Forest Department will not accept any kind of risk.

14. Copies of these rules will be made available at the time of auction for the information of intending purchasers.

No. 823—*Ft. F.* 19-95, *dated* 5*th June* 1901.

Under Article 172 of the Mysore Service Regulations, Mr. B. Ramaswamy Iyer, Assistant Conservator of Forests, Chitaldrug district, is granted casual leave of absence for fifteen days, with effect from the 3rd June 1901, or such other date as he may avail himself of the same, Mr. D. K. Darasha, Treasury Assistant Commissioner, being in charge of the District Forest Office, during the absence of Mr. Ramaswamy Iyer on leave or until further orders.

No. 847—*Ft. F.* 89-95, *dated* 10*th June* 1901.

The six weeks' privilege leave of absence granted to Mr. K Shamaiyengar, Assistant Conservator of Forests, in Notification No. 724—Ft. F. 89-95, dated the 8th May 1901, is hereby extended to a total period of three months.

By Order,

J. L. PIGOT,

Secy. to Govt., Forest Dept.

GEOLOGICAL.

No. 414-*M.*—*F.* 70, *dated* 28*th May* 1901.

ERRATUM.

In Rule 117 of the Rules under the Mysore Mines Regulation III of 1897 published with Notification No. 94-M., dated 9th December 1897, and amended by Notification No. 178-M. dated 14th February 1898—

for the last six words, *viz.*, "holding a certificate under Rule 12," substitute the word, "competent."

By Order,

W. F. SMEETH,

Secy. to Govt., Geological Dept.